



Guide to the Black Student Alliance Records, 1969-2024

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Summary

Collection Title:

Black Student Alliance records, 1969-2024

Creator:

Black Student Alliance (Duke University)

Abstract:

The Afro-American Society (now the Black Student Alliance) was established at Duke University in 1967, four years after the first Black undergraduates were admitted. The Afro-American Society was a social and activist group created to support students as they dealt with the challenges of Black life at a previously segregated institution. Contains fliers, memoranda, correspondence, printed e-mail, minutes, newsletters, reports, charts, a scrapbook, printed materials, and electronic records pertaining to the activities of the Black Student Alliance (BSA) and related Black and African American student groups at Duke University.

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Background

Scope and Content

Contains fliers, memoranda, correspondence, printed e-mail, minutes, newsletters, reports, charts, a scrapbook, printed materials, and electronic records pertaining to the activities of the Black Student Alliance, related Black and African American student groups, Duke Student Movement, and Spectrum. Also contains materials related to Julian Abele and the Abele Awards.

Biographical/Historical

The Afro-American Society (now the Black Student Alliance) was established at Duke University in 1967, four years after the first Black undergraduates were admitted. The Afro-American Society was a social and activist group created to support students as they dealt with the challenges of Black life at a previously segregated institution.

The Afro-American Society's first political statement was made at the Hope Valley Study-In on November 13, 1967. Thirty-five members of the Afro-American Society staged a day long study-in protest in the lobby of President Knight's office. The study-in denounced the use of segregated facilities by University organizations and the membership of key University officers, including President Knight, in the segregated Hope Valley Country Club. The 1960s continued to be a turbulent time for race relations at Duke University. On February 13, 1969, Afro-American Society students led a Black student takeover of the Allen Building to spark University action on the concerns of Black students. The Allen Building takeover brought attention to issues such as establishment of an Afro-American studies program, a Black cultural center, and increasing the number of Black faculty and students.

In 1971, the Afro-American Society was renamed the Association of African Students (The Association). In 1976, the Association assumed its present title, the Black Student Alliance (BSA). The BSA continued to provide a cultural base for Black students at the University, growing into a major student organization on campus.

In the 1980s, when Black student enrollment began to decrease, the BSA joined forces with the Undergraduate Admissions Office to make Black recruitment a primary goal. The Black Student Alliance Invitational Weekend, held each spring, allows prospective students to visit the campus and get to know the Duke experience from a Black perspective. The Reggie Howard Memorial Scholarship honors the first Black student government president, who served during 1976. This scholarship is offered to freshman students who demonstrate academic achievement and leadership potential.

The BSA is an active voice on campus, continuing to encourage University administration to take action to meet the needs of Black students, and during national events of concern such as systematic police violence against people of color. As a student group BSA notes misrepresentation in the student paper the Duke Chronicle; presents race relation panels; protests environmental abuse; and promotes Black and Jewish student discussion. The BSA also sponsors and cosponsors events such as performances by The Black Dance troupe; Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations; Black History month events; and occasionally hosting on campus speakers such as Reverend Jesse Jackson. The Black Student Alliance also coordinates events for Duke University Black Alumni. Some of the publications of the Black Student Alliance have been Prometheus Black, Revelations, The Talking Drum, and The Grapevine.

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Acquisition Information

The Black Student Alliance Records were received by the University Archives as gifts from 1977 to 2024.

Processing Information

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Encoded by Emily Glenn, March 2003

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Updated by Jill Katte, Sept. 2006, and encoded for digitization by Jessica Carew, May 2012

Updated by Leah M. Kerr, 2020 June

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Accession UA2025-0019 added by April Blevins, May 2025.

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Related Materials

Related Material

Howard, Chris D. Keep your eyes on the prize: the black struggle for civic equality in Durham, North Carolina, 1954-1963M. 1983 [904 D877, 1983-HO].

Duke University. Office of the Vice President. Legacy, 1963-1993: Thirty Years of African-American students at Duke University,1995 [378.756563 L496, 1995]

Kotelanski, Jorge. Prolonged and patient effort: the desegregation of Duke University, 1948-1963, 1990 [904 P964, 1990-KO]

Duke University. Afro-American Society. Weusi za weusi, 1970 [371.9796073 W544, 1970]

[Asian Students Association Records](#) University Archives, Duke University

[Diya Records](#) University Archives, Duke University

[Raymond Gavins papers](#) University Archives, Duke University

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- African Americans -- North Carolina -- History -- Archival resources
- African Americans -- North Carolina -- Political activity
- African American Greek letter societies
- African American History Month
- Black lives matter movement
- College students, Black -- North Carolina
- Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
- Mentoring

- Race relations
- Student participation in administration
- Black Student Alliance (Duke University)
- Abele, Julian, 1881-1950
- Afro-American Society (Duke University)
- Association of African Students (Duke University)
- Duke Student Movement (Student organization)
- Duke University. Student Government
- Duke University -- Students -- Political activity
- Duke University -- Students -- Societies, etc.
- Duke University -- Students -- Social conditions
- Spectrum (Student organization : Duke University)

Collection Inventory

Black Student Alliance Records, 1969-2006

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| Digital Object: Afro-American Society materials, 1969-1971 | |
| Alpha Kappa Alpha, fliers, 1998 (online item available) | Box 1 > Folder 3 |
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Harding, Calvin: Correspondence (online item available) Box 1 > Folder 37

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Hurston-James Society, mission statement draft, 1997 (online item available) Box 1 > Folder 19

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Inter-Community Council, 1997 (online item available) Box 1 > Folder 20

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Kappa Alpha Psi flier, 1998 (online item available) Box 1 > Folder 21

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Karamu, flier, 1997 (online item available) Box 1 > Folder 22

Digital Object: [Karamu, flier, 1997](#)

Mary Lou Williams Center for Black Culture, 1997-1998 (online item available) Box 1 > Folder 23

Digital Object: [Mary Lou Williams Center for Black Culture, 1997-1998](#)

Miscellaneous writings on Black history, 1995-1998 and undated (online item available) Box 1 > Folder 24

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National Black Family Empowerment Agenda, 1997 (online item available) Box 1 > Folder 25

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Samuel DuBois Cook Society, 1998 Feb. (online item available) Box 1 > Folder 26

Digital Object: [Samuel DuBois Cook Society, 1998 Feb.](#)

Sister to Sister and Brother to Brother discussion groups, flier, undated (online item available) Box 1 > Folder 27

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Students of the Carribean Association (SOCA),
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The Grapevine, 1981 (online item available)	Box 2 > Folder 4
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"Preparation for the '80s: 10 Years Ahead or Behind?", speech given by William Harston, Jr., 1979 (online item available)	Box 2 > Folder 5
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Revelations (Black Student Alliance newsletter), 1993 (online item available)	Box 2 > Folder 6
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Scrapbook, 2000 (online item available)	Box 2 > Folder 7
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Digital Object: Scrapbook, 2004-2005 (loose)	

Scope and Contents note

Unbound scrapbook created by BSA, detailing the organization's activities during the 2004/2005 academic year. Includes copies of and reactions to Philip Kurian's "The Jews," information about campus race relations, stereotypes, and police discrimination, as well as minority recruitment weekend, social events, community outreach, and public service activities. Scrapbook was created electronically with scanned materials and digital images, then printed on a color laser printer -- no loose materials glued or mounted.

The Talking Drum, Vol. 1, issue 1, 1994 Nov. (online item available)	Box 2 > Folder 12
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The Talking Drum, Vols. 1-2, 1994-1997 (online item available)	Box 2 > Folder 13
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The Talking Drum, Vol. 1, Iss. 1-4, 2002-2003 (online item available)	Box 2 > Folder 14
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Accession UA2018-0016, 2010-2018

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

Scope and Contents

Includes documents and photographs from the Black Student Alliance (BSA) group.

Agendas, 2010, 2017 (online item available) Digital-materials
UA.31.04.0003-SET-0001

Physical Description: 4 items ; 4 documents (MS Word); approximately 30 KB

Digital Object: [Agendas, 2010, 2017](#)

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

Scope and Contents

Includes meeting agendas.

Correspondence and Administrative Materials,
2012-2017 (online item available)

Digital-materials
UA.31.04.0003-SET-0001

Physical Description: 109 items ; 109 documents (MS Word; MS Excel; PDF; PNG; HTML files); approximately 1.7 MB

Digital Object: [Correspondence and Administrative Materials, 2012-2017](#)

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence; sign up sheets; descriptions; and documents related to the BSA F.A.M. Mentorship program; the Accenture Partnership; Colors of Duke photo campaign; social media; reports; YT candidates; Black Love event; Real Talk event; a script for an original game show; Black Affinity Groups; and the Black Pan-hellenic Council. Also includes documents related to elections; officers; a BSA Fashion Show; agreements; an untitled document with netIDs; and a copy of a UNC TV documentary, "Far Fetched and Dear Bought" which includes Julian Abele.

Events, 2014-2018 (online item available)

Digital-materials
UA.31.04.0003-SET-0001

Physical Description: 313 items ; 313 documents (MS Word; MS Excel; PDF; PNG; HTML files); approximately 1.7 MB

Digital Object: [Events, 2014-2018](#)

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

Scope and Contents

Includes photographs, schedules, plans, flyers, and videos for events including #BlackLivesMatter: A Movement, Not A Moment; the Abele Awards; painting the "Free Expression" bridge/tunnel; Real Talk Run Sheet; KCamp; and Renaissance Noire.

Minutes, 2010-2011, 2013, 2016-2018 (online item available)

Digital-materials
UA.31.04.0003-SET-0001

Physical Description: 57 items ; 54 documents (MS Word); approximately 2 MB

Digital Object: [Minutes, 2010-2011, 2013, 2016-2018](#)

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

Scope and Contents

Includes minutes and meeting notes from BSA executive and general meetings.

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Accession UA2019-0007, 2019

Access Restrictions:

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Scope and Contents

Includes documents and photographs from the Black Student Alliance (BSA) group.

BSA Records, 2019 (online item available)

Digital-materials
UA.31.04.0003-SET-0001

Physical Description: 3 items ; 53 document files (MS Word, Excel, Compressed); approximately 1.8 MB

Digital Object: [BSA Records, 2019](#)

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

Scope and Contents

Includes donation correspondence for the Flint Child Health and Development Fund, and a BSA Presidential Report.

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Accession UA2020-0023, 2018-2019

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

Scope and Contents

Includes documents and photographs from the Black Student Alliance (BSA) group.

BSA Agendas, 2019 August 8-October 23 (online item available)

Digital-materials
UA.31.04.0003-SET-0001

Physical Description: 11 items ; 11 document files (MS Word); approximately 16 MB

Digital Object: [BSA Agendas, 2019 August 8-October 23](#)

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

Scope and Contents

Includes meeting agendas for BSA Executive Board; Black Caucus; and Leadership Team.

BSA Black Caucus, photographs, 2019
September 18 (online item available)

Digital-materials
UA.31.04.0003-SET-0001

Physical Description: 44 items ; 44 image files (JPG); approximately 8 MB

Digital Object: [BSA Black Caucus, photographs, 2019 September 18](#)

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

Scope and Contents

Includes photographs from the BSA Black Caucus event.

BSA Campus Shoots, photographs, 2018-2019
(online item available)

Digital-materials
UA.31.04.0003-SET-0001

Physical Description: 14 items ; 14 image files (JPG); approximately 83 MB

Digital Object: [BSA Campus Shoots, photographs, 2018-2019](#)

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

Scope and Contents

Includes group photographs of Black students on locations on Duke campus.

BSA Constitution, circa 2019 (online item available)

Digital-materials
UA.31.04.0003-SET-0001

Physical Description: 1 document file (MS Word); approximately 1 MB

Digital Object: [BSA Constitution, circa 2019](#)

Access Restrictions:

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Flyers, circa 2019 (online item available)

Digital-materials
UA.31.04.0003-SET-0001

Physical Description: 3 items ; 3 document files (.PDF, .JPEG, .PNG); approximately 3 MB

Digital Object: [Flyers, circa 2019](#)

Access Restrictions:

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Scope and Contents

Includes event and signage graphics.

Planning Committee Agendas, 2019 October
(online item available)

Digital-materials
UA.31.04.0003-SET-0001

Physical Description: 2 items ; 2 document files (MS Word); approximately 2 MB

Digital Object: [Planning Committee Agendas, 2019 October](#)

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

Stroll Show, photographs, 2019 October 19
(online item available)

Digital-materials
UA.31.04.0003-SET-0001

Physical Description: 73 items ; 73 image files (.JPG); approximately 274 MB

Digital Object: [Stroll Show, photographs, 2019 October 19](#)

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Contains electronic records that must be requested and accessed in our reading room. Contact Research Services with questions.

Scope and Contents

Includes photographs from the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Stroll Show event.

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Accession UA2024-0018, 1972-2015

Scope and Contents

Consists of records and photographic materials related to BSA events, outreach, committees, student activism, and publications. Original folder titles have been retained where possible.

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Black Student Facts, 1995, undated

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Scope and Contents

Contains fact sheets about organizations at Duke, Celebrating the Black Woman event, Affirmative Action, and diversity and racism at Duke.

Central Committee Meeting Agendas,
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Publicity, 1989-2003	Box 3
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Contains a Parent's Weekend, Issue 2 of The Talking Drum and BSA Publicity Committee handbook.

"Black on White" Steering Committee, 1988-1989	Box 3
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Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence, notes, photocopies of articles, and materials related to event planning.

Executive Vice President, 1992, 1995	Box 3
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Scope and Contents

Includes the "Into the Millenium" strategic development plan and programming retreat meeting agenda, goals and mission, and planning documents.

Retreat- BSA Officers, 1997	Box 3
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Scope and Contents

Contains agenda, correspondence, and project descriptions.

Spectrum, 2001-2002	Box 3
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Scope and Contents

Contains memos, Spectrum constitution, agenda, and drafts of reports.

Black Solidarity Wk/Day, 1981	Box 3
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Scope and Contents

Consists of a news release, Anticipations Black Solidarity Day by Lansing C. Scriven, and an announcement.

HIV treatment, 1992	Box 3
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Scope and Contents

Includes photocopies of articles and correspondence.

Mary Lou Williams Center expansion/ Multicultural Center, 2000-2001	Box 3
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Includes proposals, minutes, and correspondence related to the Cultural Space committee.	
BSA calendar, orientation update, and policy, undated	Box 3
Summary- Discussion of Issues of African American Life on the Duke Campus, 1997 May 2	Box 3
Events promotional materials, 2015, undated	Box 3
Student advising services report, 1986-1987	Box 3
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BSA Political/Social Action Task Force, 1991	Box 3

Scope and Contents

Contains agenda, correspondence and a draft of a proposal for a Political/Social Action Branch of BSA.

Central Committee Meeting Agenda, Minutes, and Correspondence, 1999 Box 3

History of Events Held by the Black Student Alliance, Black Students and Black Student Groups on Campus, Fall 1999 Box 3

Incident Reports, undated Box 3

United Nations, C.U.R.E./A.F.R.E., 1998 Box 3

Scope and Contents

Contains promotional materials for the United Nations and C.U.R.E./A.F.R.E. (Caucasians United for Reparations and Emancipation All for Reparations and Emancipation).

Commencement, 2000-2001 Box 3

Scope and Contents

Includes Black Graduation Committee Agenda, invitations, draft of speech and events planning materials.

Black Cultural Center, Flowers/Union Building, Hideaway Bar, 1980-1982 Box 3

Scope and Contents

Includes copy of Preparation for the 80's speech by William Hairston, draft of response to matters concerning Black Studies, requests for office space, and correspondence regarding the establishment of a Black Cultural Center and the relocation of Hideaway Bar.

Programming, 1982-1998 Box 3

Scope and Contents

Includes invitations, correspondence, flyers, and minutes related to events like the Political Awareness Workshop, Black Student Weekend, homecoming, Black Solidarity Day, and conferences hosted by BSA and other organizations.

Maki Mandela lecture, 1987 Box 3

Scope and Contents

Contains promotional material and an itinerary.

Student concerns and racial discrimination,
1987

Box 3

Scope and Contents

Contains correspondence related to racial discrimination in Durham and issues on Duke's campus of concern to Black students.

National Black Youth Leadership Council, 1992

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Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence, photocopies of articles, statement of purpose and mission, and flyers.

General Body meeting minutes, 1997

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Academic Council Committee on Black Faculty,
1988-1994

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Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence and reports.

Bryan Center Student Proposal, 1996

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Conferences, 1983-1998

Box 3

Scope and Contents

Contains brochures, flyers, news release, correspondence, and programs for conferences such as PUSH/EXCEL First Annual National Black Student Convention, National African American Student Leadership Conference, and the 1st Annual Conference on the African American Male.

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Agendas and Minutes, 1994-1995 Box 3

Scope and Contents

Contains agenda and minutes for the BSA General Body, Central Committee,
and Programming Committee meetings.

The Talking Drum templates, 1996-2003 Box 3

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Digital-materials UA31040003-
SET-0002

Physical Description: 1 Megabytes
166 files

Scope and Contents

Includes document, application, and still image files

Transfer Disk, 1995-1998 Folder 1 > Disk UA31040003-
FL-0005
Digital-materials UA31040003-
SET-0002

Physical Description: 0.28 Megabytes
25 files

Scope and Contents

Includes document and system files.

Unknown title, 1998-1999 Folder 1 > Disk UA31040003-
FL-0006
Digital-materials UA31040003-
SET-0002

Physical Description: 0.58 Megabytes
80 files

Scope and Contents

Includes document and system files.

Untitled, undated Folder 1 > Disk UA31040003-
FL-0007

Access Restrictions:

Technical Access Note. As of February 2025, the carrier is damaged and its contents cannot be accessed. Contact Research Services with questions.

Software media, undated Folder 2
Folder 3

Physical Description: 18 discs
3.5" floppy diskettes containing installation files for various software applications.

Revelations newsletter, 1987-1995 Box 3

Surveys, undated Box 3

Student demands, 2001 Box 3

Physical Description: 6 folders

Scope and Contents

Consists of demands signed by students in response to the anti-reparations advertisement published in the Chronicle.

Brochures/Newsletters, 1997-1998 Box 3

Community newsletters/Black newsletters, 1986-2007 Box 3

Scope and Contents

Includes issues of Trumpet of Conscience, Black Studies Newsletter (University of Pittsburgh), the Newsletter of the Student Action Center, Purdue University Black Cultural Center newsletter, the Blindspot, and Revelations.

Binder, 1999-2000 Box 3

Scope and Contents

Includes outreach reports, notes, correspondence, Central Committee meeting minutes and agenda, and General Body meeting minutes and agenda.

Events, 2001 Box 4

Scope and Contents

Contains correspondence, meeting minutes, notes, and programs related to events like Black Graduation Ceremony and BSA Retreat.

BSA Constitution, 2001	Box 4
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Reports, 1989-1997	Box 4
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Scope and Contents

Contains copies of Internationalizing the University in the 1990s, Report to the Chancellor ad hoc Committee on Flowers-Union Space, and Bryan Center Privatization Committee Report.

President's Council on Black Affairs (PCOBA), 1980-1988	Box 4
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Physical Description: 7 folders

Scope and Contents

Consists largely of meeting minutes.

Minority Leadership Conference, 1995	Box 4
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Scope and Contents

Includes greeting cards, certificates, brochures, registration list, conference planning materials, registration booklet, programs

Justin Fairfax newsclippings, 1999-2000	Box 4
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BSA Central Committee/General Body minutes and agenda, 1997-1998	Box 4
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Physical Description: 2 folders

Upperclass Residential Planning Committee, 1998	Box 4
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Student Activities Org, 1988-1993	Box 4
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Scope and Contents

Includes a newsletter, information book, and a letter.

Campus Life	Box 4
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Physical Description: 2 folders

Scope and Contents

Includes Bryan Center Student Proposal, email printouts, correspondence, and meeting minutes.

Talking Drum, 1996-2010	Box 4
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Unity Through Diversity proceedings, 2000, 2007	Box 4
BSA Public Affairs, 2007	Box 4
Scope and Contents	
Includes surveys, printouts of emails, meeting agenda, and program descriptions. Materials relate to What Do People Care About Campaign, campus climate and intergroup relations, and Breaking the Chains Week.	
MLK Day, Black History Month, 2006	Box 4
Abele Award Invitation Ideas, 2005	Box 4
Photographic materials, 2006-2007	Folder 1 > Optical-disc UA31040003-OP-0001, UA31040003-OP-0002 Digital-materials UA31040003- SET-0003
Physical Description: 150 Megabytes 189 filse	
Scope and Contents	
Contains still image files	
Programming, 2006-2009	Box 4
Scope and Contents	
Includes notes, borchures, and materials related to events planning.	
PCOBA, 2005-2013	Box 4
Unofficial Guide to Course Selection for Underclassmen, 2009	Box 4
Spiral notebook, 2009	Box 4
Scope and Contents	
Contains executive meeting minutes and handwritten notes.	
Programming, 1992-2015	Box 4
Correspondence, 1997-1998	Box 4

Scope and Contents

Contains memos, letters, and printouts of emails to BSA members, Duke administration, other student groups, and organizations.

Calendar and activities, 1989-1998 Box 4

Community Service Center, 1988 Box 4

African and African-American Studies (AAAS)
Program, 2001 Box 4

Scope and Contents

Includes AAAS program information packets, a partial report, a letter related to the program relocation, another letter related to administration's response to Duke Student Movement, and newspaper clippings.

Correspondence, 1991-1992 Box 4

Black History Month, 1992 Box 4

Black Faculty Initiative, 1992 Box 4

Elections, 1994 Box 4

Constitution Material, 1997 Box 4

Central Committee Meeting Agenda and
Minutes, 1982-1983 Box 4

Past officers and Central Committee members,
1983 Box 4

Croom Beatty Incident, 1985 December 2 Box 4

Scope and Contents

Consists of correspondence from Mikel Taylor to President Keith Brodie.

Admissions, 1982, 1987 Box 4

Scope and Contents

Contains correspondence, minutes, and a 1981-1982 annual report.

Public Safety Incidents, 1987-1988 Box 4

Scope and Contents

Contains photocopies of newsclippings, Public Safety Department bulletins, and correspondence.

Black Faculty Initiative (BFI): Academic Council Resolutions, 1987	Box 4
Craig McKinney Article, 1989	Box 4
BFI- Newspaper articles, 1988	Box 4
Stop Card History: Racial Incidents, 1988	Box 4
Scope and Contents	
Contains correspondence, reports, agenda, minutes, and handwritten notes related to the Public Safety Stop Card Review Committee	
Constitution, Amendments, Records, 1988	Box 4
Membership rosters, 1998	Box 4
BFI Correspondence, 1981-1982	Box 4
Correspondence, 1982-1989	Box 4
NABSEA (National Association of Black Students for Educational Advancement), 1988-1989	Box 4
Physical Description: 2 folders	
Black Cultural Living Group surveys, undated	Box 5
Fall Production of "Breathe", 2006	Box 5
Fall Production of "Shakespeare in Harlem... A Night with Langston", 2005	Box 5
Fall Production of "A Day of Absence", 2008	Box 5
The Black Student Alliance: An Historical Look at Duke's Major Black Student Organization, 1990 April	Box 5
Activism, 1997, 2015	Box 5
Programming, 2011-2014	Box 5

Duke Class of 2011 Memory Book (photocopies), approximately 2011	Box 5
Scope and Contents	
Contains black and white photocopies of the class of 2011 memory book and color photographs.	
Memory Book ads and Final Honors Ceremony materials, 2004	Box 5
Scope and Contents	
Contains photographs, ad requests, Final Honors Ceremony programs, and a draft of a speech.	
Homecoming, 1989-1992	Box 5
Outreach, 1995	Box 5
Black Student Alliance Invitational Weekend (BSAI), 1997-2003	Box 5
NAACP, 1997	Box 5
BSA logo sketches, undated	Box 5
Programming Committee, 1988-1995	Box 5
Duke University Black Alumni Connection (DUBAC), 1986-1998	Box 5
United in Praise Gospel Choir/Modern Black Mass Choir, 1994-1999	Box 5
Scope and Contents	
Contains promotional materials, programs, executive committee meeting agendas, handwritten song lyrics, and historical backgrounds of the United in Praise Gospel Choir (formerly the Modern Black Mass Choir).	
Orientation Luncheon, 1987-1988, 1994, 1999	Box 5
Senior Superlatives, undated	Box 5
Final Honors (draft), 2001	Box 5
Event programs, 1999, 2002	Box 5

Black Solidarity Week, 1995	Box 5
Homecoming, 1997	Box 5
Memory Book, 2004	Folder 4 > Optical-disc UA31040003-OP-0003, UA31040003-OP-0004 Digital-materials UA31040003- SET-0004 Box 5
Physical Description: 889 Megabytes 2 files	
Scope and Contents	
Contains proofs and two optical discs containing publisher files.	
Spectrum, 1992	Box 5
Karamu, 1996	Box 5
MLK Day, 2003-2004	Box 5
MLK Day, Black Solidarity Day, 1981-1993	Box 5
Kwanzaa Celebration, 1995-2002	Box 5
Scope and Contents	
Contains programs and materials related to event planning and promotions.	
Dance Black, 1977-1993	Box 5
Scope and Contents	
Consists of flyers and recital programs.	
Black History Month, 1991	Box 5
Talking Drum resources, 2002-2003	Box 5
Scope and Contents	
Consists of meeting agenda, flyers, notes, and article drafts.	
Duke Student Movement, 2001	Box 5
Scope and Contents	
Contains materials related to the 2001 protest an anti-reparations ad in the Chronicle. Includes PCOBA minutes, Duke Student Movement objections and	

response to President Keohane's letter, and photocopies of Chronicle articles and ad.	
Public Affairs- Speakers, 1982-1997	Box 5
Jabberwocky Controversy, 1989	Box 5
National Black Family Empowerment, 1997	Box 5
Political correspondence, 1972-1982	Box 5
General Body Meeting Minutes, 1990-1991	Box 5
Central Committee Meeting Minutes & Agenda, 1991-1992	Box 5
Newsletters, 1980-2002	Box 5
Scope and Contents	
Consists of issues of Revelations, the Grapevine, and the Talking Drum.	
Black Student Leadership Network conference, 1996	Box 5
Events, 1991-1999	Box 5
PCOBA, 1985-2003	Box 5
Physical Description: 2 folders	
Black Greek Organizations, 1993	Box 5
BSA history, constitution, and organizational chart, 2004	Box 5
Duke BSA Fashion Show, 2008 March 29	Box Separated CS and DVD Box 2 > Dvd UA31040003- DVD-0001
Binder, 1994-2002	Box 5
Physical Description: 2 folders	
Scope and Contents	
Contains meeting minutes, agenda, events planning materials, and materials related to the Allen Building lock-in teach-in.	

Central Committee Meeting Minutes & Agenda, 1995-1996	Box 5
Talking Drum templates, 2003-2004	Box 5
Revelations - original script, 1993-1996	Box 5
Revelations- correspondence, administrative, 1994	Box 6
Task Force on Faculty & Students, 1997-1998	Box 6
Scope and Contents	
Contains reports, correspondence, and minutes.	
Task Force on Black White Relations, 1982-1985	Box 6
Scope and Contents	
Contains reports and correspondence.	
Board of Trustees, 1997	Box 6
Access Restrictions:	
Board of Trustees materials restricted until 2047.	
BSA Invitational Weekend (BSAI), 2008-2009	Box 6
Scope and Contents	
Contains notes, agenda, schedules, correspondence, and rosters related to planning BSAI.	
Binder, 1998-2000	Box 6
Scope and Contents	
Includes materials related to events planning, notes, committee agenda, and correspondence.	
Programming, 2002-2004	Box 6
Photographic materials #1, 2007	Folder 4 > Optical-disc UA31040003-OP-0005 Digital-materials UA31040003- SET-0004 Box 6

Physical Description: 115 Megabytes

120 files

Scope and Contents

Includes negatives, proof, and an optical disc with a digital album.

Negatives, undated

Box 6

Photographic materials #3, 2007

Folder 4 > Optical-disc
UA31040003-OP-0006
Digital-materials UA31040003-
SET-0004
Box 6

Physical Description: 70 Megabytes
65 files

Scope and Contents

Includes negatives, proof, and an optical disc with a digital album.

Photographic materials #4, 2007

Folder 4 > Optical-disc
UA31040003-OP-0007
Digital-materials UA31040003-
SET-0004
Box 6

Physical Description: 90 Megabytes
90 files

Scope and Contents

Includes negatives, proof, and an optical disc with a digital album.

Photographic materials #6, 2007

Folder 4 > Optical-disc
UA31040003-OP-0008
Digital-materials UA31040003-
SET-0004
Box 6

Physical Description: 111 Megabytes
125 files

Scope and Contents

Includes negatives, proof, and an optical disc with a digital album.

Photographic materials #7, 2007

Folder 4 > Optical-disc
UA31040003-OP-0009
Digital-materials UA31040003-
SET-0004

Box 6

Physical Description: 118 Megabytes
125 files

Dance Black, 2006-2009 Box 6

Memory book, 2003 Box 6

Binder- Malik Burnett, President, 2006-2007 Box 6

Scope and Contents

Materials have been removed from original binder and placed in an archival folder. Contains agenda, schedules, memos, membership roles, greeting cards, and events materials.

Binder, 2007-2008 Box 6

Scope and Contents

Materials have been removed from original binder and placed in an archival folder. Contains materials related to programming and events planning.

Binder- Important Press Items, 2009-2010 Box 6

Scope and Contents

Materials have been removed from original binder and placed in an archival folder. Consists of issues of the Chronicle, newspaper clippings, and articles.

Binder, 2009-2010 Box 6

Physical Description: 2 folders

Scope and Contents

Materials have been removed from original binder and placed in an archival folder. Contains correspondence, agenda, notes, election materials, and programming materials.

Binder, 2001-2009 Box 6

Physical Description: 2 folders

Scope and Contents

Materials have been removed from original binder and placed in an archival folder. Contains correspondence, agenda, notes, programming materials, and the Center for Race Relations proposal.

Central Committee, 2002-2003 Box 6

Scope and Contents

Includes events materials, meeting agenda, notes, schedules, and proposed amendments for constitution.

Emails- Calvin Harding, 1997 April 25

Box 6

Scope and Contents

Contains printouts of emails between BSA members regarding the Duke University police arrest of student, Calvin Harding.

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Accession UA2024-0043, 2013-2024

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Series contains electronic records that require special equipment. Contact Research Services with questions.

Scope and Contents

Consists of document, image, and video files. Contains meeting minutes and agenda, reports, correspondence, calendars, constitutions, events planning and outreach materials, and photographs and recordings of members and events.

BSA Executive Boards, 2015-2024

Digital-materials UA31040003-SET-0001

Physical Description: Aproximately 6 gigabytes, 2,397 files

Scope and Contents

Consists of document, image, and video files. Contains minutes and agenda from executive board meetings and Advocacy and Black Caucus meetings, officer contracts, drafts of responses, correspondence, calendars, constitutions, officer election materials, materials related to programming and PCOBA, and photographs and recordings of members and events.

Constitutions, 2019-2024

Digital-materials UA31040003-SET-0001

Physical Description: Approximately less than 1 megabyte, 5 files

Scope and Contents

Consists of document files.

Mitchell-White House, 2019-2020 Digital-materials UA31040003-SET-0001

Physical Description: Approximately 3 megabytes, 11 files

Scope and Contents

Consists of document files. Includes presentations, applications, and reports related to the establishment of the Mitchell-White House (originally proposed as the Wright House) Living Learning Community, house courses, and events.

Outreach and programming, 2013-2020 Digital-materials UA31040003-SET-0001

Physical Description: Approximately 32 megabytes, 8 files

Scope and Contents

Consists of document files.

Reports, 2020-2022 Digital-materials UA31040003-SET-0001

Physical Description: Approximately less than 1 megabyte, 4 files

Scope and Contents

Consists of document files. Includes a presidential report, Duke Black Coalition Against Policing Demands, Hate and Bias Policy draft, and Notable Black Faculty and Students Research.

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Accession UA2025-0019, 2022

Scope and Contents

Contains issues of Weekly Beats.

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Series contains electronic records that require special equipment. Contact Research Services with questions.

Weekly Beats, 2022 January-April Digital-materials UA31040003-SET-0005

Physical Description: 89 Megabytes
14 files

Scope and Contents

Consists of document files (pdf format).

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